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The reply filed on 12/03/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The marking of amended claim 47 fails to follow 37 CFR 1.121. As far as the examiner can determine from the IFW record, the last presented version of claim 47 was at page 2 of the amendment filed on 11/21/01. Comparison of step (ii) of the claims presented on 12/03/04 and on 11/21/01 shows that the former should have indicated the phrase "the relative number of CD45 low cells increases as a result of said engaging." As having been deleted from the latter. In any event, one reading step (ii) of claim 47, as presented on 12/03/04, would combine all of the unmarked and all of the deleted words as reading "incubating committed cells that are engaged by said agent such that"; this is an incomplete thought, which does not end with a period, and thus some phrase was not properly indicated as having been deleted. The examiner does not have the time to check other claims for compliance. All amended claims must comply, and must be marked in comparison to the version of the claims that were examined in the action mailed 4/13/04.

To enhance prosecution, applicant should amend dependent claims to be consistent with the new version of claim 47. For example, there are recitations of "engages" and "receptor" in claim 48; these terms are no longer recited in claim 47.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A Saunders, PhD whose telephone number is 571-272-0849. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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